Partly Cloudy

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## HOUSE REQUIRES CAREFUL CHECK OF ALL MONEYS PAID

Taylor of Custer Adds a Few More Restrictions to the Expenditure of Coin of the Realm.

STATE OFFICERS ARE WARNED

Notice Given in Advance that All Overtime Must Be Carefully Explained.

BILLS INTRODUCED POWER

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Jan. 15 .- (Special.) -- Spnams of economy surge over the house at each recurring session of that body and have come so frequently that members of the upper house have even suggester that perhaps the next move will be to bring the trusties from the penitentiary to perform the clerical work o fthe session. Today Taylor of Custor, well known

economist of days gone by, had the house adopt another rule to safeguard expenditures whereby a string of "O. K'a" several yards long is required before any money is paid out. Pointer to State Officers.

The The resolution goes so far that it instructs the state officers in their dutie sand admonishes the secretary of state, state auditor and printing commissioner to approve no vouchers or issue warrants until claims have been passed upon and approved by the committee on employes or the committee on expenditures and also provides that on January 19 and every two weeks thereafter these two committees shall report to the house in detail the amounts paid out to each employe for regular time, overtime, salary and mileage drawn by each member, supplies bought and some other things.

Bills So Far Introduced. The first week of the session closed with an adjournment this morning until 2 p. m. Monday. The record shows that fifty-three bills have been introduced in the senate and eighty-four in the

In the senate Bygland of Boone leads the procession in the introduction of bills. seven being credited to him, while Beal of Custer comes next with six, Lahners of Jefferson and Quinby of Douglas with five each, Shumway of Dixon with four and Bedford of Douglas with three. The rest of the members have fallen below that number, Brookley, Dodge, Douthett, Henry, Kohl, Marshall, Mattes, Piller, Robertson, Spencer, Weesner and Wilson of Dodge having not yet broken into the

In the house end on account of the drouth in employes the record has not yet been prepared.

## Court House Bill Introduced Again

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN. Jan. 15. - (Special.) - To atitutional by the supreme court, the

The Hummel act provided that a county board might make a special levy of taxes, not exceeding \$100,000, for the construction of a courthouse or iail upon cent of the legal voters in the county, their official capacity. without calling a special election to vote upon the question.

#### COL. THRASHER CUSTODIAN. NOT JANITOR, IN SENATE

LINCOLN, Jan. 15 .- (Special.)-Colonel Thrasher of Plattsmouth is considerably agitated because the list of employes published in the newspapers makes him fees aggregating-about \$7,000 has already a janitor of the senate chamber. "I am been defeated by the supreme court when not a janitor," said the colonel this it decided the "Broadwell case." morning. "My official cognomen is custodian of the gallery. I have been receiving letters from home jollying me be- A suit started by the county board to cause I have accepted a job as janitor recover these is pending in the courts. and I want the public to know that I Dr. Connell receives from \$1,300 to \$1,500 am a custodian and not a janiter."

### The Weather

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday. CLOUDY

Comparative Local Record.

Temperature and precipitation depar-ures from the normal

tures from the normal:

Normal temperature 20
Excess for the day 16
Total excess since March I 717
Normal precipitation 20 inch
Deficiency for the day 21 inch
Total rainfall since March I 25 of inches
Deficiency since March I 35 inches
Deficiency since March I 35 inches
Deficiency for cor. per od. 1913 5.85 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1912 4.07 inches Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State of Weather. Temp. High-Rainof Weather. Ip.m. est. fall.
Cheyenne, snow 20 20 30
Davenport, clear 44 44 60
Denver, snow 25 34 60
Denver, snow 26 32 31
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Denver, snow 27 32 32
Denver, snow 28 32 32
Rapid City, cloudy 18 24 16
Santa Fe, snow 22 34 56
Sheridan, snow 26 32 60
Sloux City, cloudy 30 31 60
Valentine, snow 14 18 7
T indicates trace of precipitation.
— Indicates below zero.

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

JAPANESE NURSES ON WAY TO FRENCH BATTLE-FIELDS-Seventeen Japanese nurses, under the leadership of Dr. J. Suzuki, photographed in New York en route from Tokio to French battlefields.



## COUNTY FEE EVIL IS TO BE STOPPED

tee Proposes Legislation to End All Official Grafting.

### To Make It Valid Delegation Already Pledged

remedy the defect which invalidated the mendations to be made by Frank Best, to General Carranza, pointing out that Hummel act, passed by the legislature in his annual report as chairman of the "serious consequences may follow" his ern wings, and to British observers it appears up by the Germans over the river same bill has been introduced again this and aiready approved in outline by the oil plants in Tampico. This announceyear in slightly changed form to meet other members. The houghns county dele- ment was made by Secretary Bryan, the logal objections that operated to gation in the legislature is pledged to after the latter had conferred with Sir

Mr. Best's report, he announced, will oil concerns.

advocate legislation requiring county of- Already the Carranza officials have

Two principal leaks of county funds which would be stopped by such a law are the naturalization fee "holdup" by Robert Smith, clerk of the district court. and the vital statistics fees "easy money" received by Dr. R. J. Connell, city health physician.

Brondwell Cane.

Clerk Smith's attempt to claim insanity

Mr. Smith has in his possession several thousands of dollars naturalization fees. per year for 'recording vital statistics.' which are figures on births, deaths and marriages, etc., although this same task is a part of his duties as city-health physician, for which he is paid a salary by the city. The county lost a suit against him under the present statutes and new legislation is necessary to stop

County Commissioner Lynch was responsible for starting anti-fee grabbing agitation when he initiated the suit against Clerk Smith.

### Police Officers in Chicago Indicted on Charges of Grafting

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 15.-Police Captain James O'Donnell Stoter, Detective Sergeant Michael Weisbaum and Fred Roth, Leon Canova had accepted bribes to ald a former policeman, were indicted on iturbide to escape the charges, were basecharges of conspiracy today by the grand less, the statement said. jury, which for a week has been conducting an inquiry into alleged graft among police officials of the Makell street station.

There were fifteen counts in the joint inches indictment, by which the men were ac- publicly expressed his approval of that cused of having corruptly refused to ar- portion of President Wilson's speech a rest certain persons for crimes committed or about to be committed and the text of an autographed letter by of having aided these persons in the Gutierre, which appeared in the Mexico commission of crimes and having sup- City press, was today given out by pressed testimony and offered perjured State department. 10 testimony.

Specifically the defendants are accused of having advance notices of a burglary at Schwartz Brothers on July 20, 1915, when woolens worth \$3,000 were stolen; a burgiary of a clothing store on September 10, 1911, when \$6,000 worth of clothing was taken, and an attempted sons are dead as the result of the derobbery of another store on September struction of the private yacht Julia by

## WARNING SENT TO CARRANZA BY U.S.

Chairman Best of Finance Commit- | America Tells Mexican Threatened Confiscation of Foreign Property May Cause Trouble.

### OIL IS NEEDED FOR ENGLAND

abolished if the legislature adopts recom- States government has sent a warning finance committee of the county board, threatened confiscation of foreign-owned favor legislation against "fee grafting." |Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassa-Mr. Best's report, he announced, will dor, and representatives of American

ficials to turn into the treasury every practically enforced an embargo on the the filing of a petition signed by 51 per cent received by them in any way in exportation of oil by a big English company. The British ambassador at the suggestion of Mr. Bryan, sent an urgent telegram to the British consul at Vera Cruz, which he was instructed to show to Carranza.

Danger of Confisentions. As the British fleet obtains much of its fuel from the Tampico oil fields, the possibility or serious complications over

the Carranga government's attitude is fully realized by the American govern-Mr. Bryan said today that the foreign

owned oil companies, "feared confisca- them in due course. tion of their wells," by Carranza, and that the urgent representations had been made to forestall such action.

A decree issued by the Carranza government makes it impossible for some of the foreign oil companies to operate out the consent of the Mexican authorities, and some of the American concerns, it is said, have been forced to pay so heavy a tax that they have been practically compelled to shut down their plants. Although there are Dutch interests at Tampico, no representations have as yet been made by the Netherlands' government.

Mexican Thanks Beyan.

Eduardo Kturbide, former governor of the federal district or Mexico, personally expressed his thanks to Secretary Bryan eday for the efforts of the United States government in assisting him to leave Mexico, -

Mr. Bryan issued a statement explain ing some of the circumstances of Iturbide's departures. It referred to the statement issued by General Palatox, explaining what had been construed as a charge by him that John R. Silliman and

Gutlerrez Cites Speech. WASHINGTON, Jan. 15. General Euallo Gutierrez, head of the provisional government in Mexico City, has Indianapolis, referring to Mexican affairs,

### Private Yacht Burns; Five Persons Dead

BEAUFORT, N. C., Jan. 15 .- Pive per fire in Pamlico sound early today.

## GERMANS FORCE FRENCH TROOPS ACROSS AISNE

Kaiser's Army Has Been Advancing Near Soissons for Several Days, but Has Not Recovered All Lost Ground.

BRITISH TROOPS ARE ADVANCING

Report from La Bassee Says They Pushed German Line There Back for One Mile.

MORE SNOWFALL AND FLOODS

#### The Day's War News In Condensed Form

entrenched positions near La lation. Bassee, in France, about ten miles firmation of their reported cap- devastated area is received. ture is lacking.

GERMANS have wen important advantages over the allies near Solssons. Near Perthes, in the Argopne and Upper Alsace, and elsewhere along the western front where recently there have been heavy engagements activity has subsided.

PETROGRAD is confident that the German offensive movement in Poland has spent its force, and the war office announces that Russian forces have made gains along the Viatula.

TURKISH forces which penetrated Persia, ocupying Tabris, are now advancing into the interior. The porte is said to have offered to withdraw the forces from Persia

if Russia also would do so. FRENCH official statement that German positions near Arras were captured by sources in a

bayonet charge. RUSSIAN general staff expects a concerted attack by the German and Lille. forces west and southwest of War-

direction of General von Kluck, which, batteries were reduced to silence, two coupled with a flood stage of the river, pieces of artillery were demolished, a has forced the French back across the desot of ammunition was exploded and field works in course of construction Alsne, is the most striking news of the were destroyed.

iast twenty-tour hours from the heat of "At a point two kilometres (a mile and

The Germany have been gaining in this mans yesterday attacked the village of ocality for several days, but they had St. Paul. They entered the village of Two Killed, and not recovered all of the ground lost by we lost no time in recapturing it. them. This engagement north of Solssons is the first notable fighting in the Rheims there were yesterday violent arvicinity since last September, when the British army which subsequently was transferred to Belgium was successful in frequently reduced to silence.

rossing the Aisne. Snow in the Vosges mountains and floods in Flanders still prevent any ex- there has been nothing important to retensive operations on the eastern or west- port. We have destroyed the foot bridges pears as though the Soissons district had Meuse at St. Mihiel, and in the forest of been selected for the point where, with Allly we repulsed an attack upon the reinforcements and first-line troops, the trenches taken by us January 8. Germans are planning to display once in the Vosges to the south of Senon-more the hammering tactics so familiar new we repulsed the Germans after a during the autumn. On the other hand, spirited infantry engagement. We broke some war experts argue that the opera- through their barbed wire entanglements tions at Solssons may have been under- and occupied their trenches. taken to compel the allies to lessen the "Along the rest of the front there is pressure in Alsace.

The British claim to have won a marked successful victory several days City Where Beautiful Germans from strongly entrenched posttions, gaining one mile in distance and inflicting severe losses on their antagonists.

There has been no change of importance in the eastern arena of the war. Italy has been momentarily distracted from thoughts of war by the devastating gaged in the work of rescue formed an earthquake of January 13. The assertion still is being made in London that the allies confidently expect Italy to join

## Nothing Important to Report, Says France

PARIS, Jan. 15.-The following official munication was issued tonight: There is nothing of importance to

## The National Capital

Friday, January 15, 1915.

The Senate.

Senator Lodge spoke on the national de-Senator Locke spose to the fenses.
Senators Root, Hitchcock and Swanson were appointed to confer with Secretary Bryan on amending the Colombian treaty.
Confirmed nomination of Frederick L. Siddons as assistant justice of the District of Columbia supreme court.
Recessed at 6:04 p. m. to 11 a. m. Sat-

The House.

Met at noon. Representative Beakes of Michigan proneutronal amendment to make the presidential term six years.

Irrigation appropriation bill carrying \$13,876,000 reported by Chairman Smith of the irrigation committee.

Agreed to continue consideration of river and harbor appropriation in night session without received. named today members of a foreign relations sub-committee to confer with Secwithout recess

### Twenty-seven Quarter Sections Wheat Land

This is located in the Niobrara val-ley, in northern Box Butte county, Nebraska. This location excels in potato raising and the soil and clim-ate is especially adapted to spring and durum wheat. This is all in one body and is an excellent proposition to colonize. Will sell all or half. Might consider some exchange if clear. KNOCK STIRS SOLONS HELENA, Mont., Jan. 15 .- Rejecting Study league of Helena that a chaperone shot.

For further information about this opportunity see the Want Ad section of today's Bee.

## Estimates of Number of Dead at Avezzano and Sora Increasing

than has been believed According to at San Benedetoe is given as 2,000. his paper 11,000 persons lie buried beneath the ruins of the city.

the ruins there and it is estimated that dead. thirty more are still beneath the debris. ng but a pile of ruins, beneath which are buried hundreds of bodies. Of the population of 900 only thirty escaped death.

Capelle was destroyed, with the loss of nore than 1,300 lives. Nearly the entire equiation of San Henedetto, numbering 2,000, met death. The towns of Ortuchio, lieve that only a few hundred persons with 2,400 inhabitants, and Giosamarsi, out of the 17,000 who inhabited Sora have with 3,500, are in ruins. At Pescina the number of deaths is about 4,000, which ascertain the exact number of dead and BRITISH forces stormed the German is approximately one-half of the popu-

Many Die in Other Cities. south of the Belgian border, driv. LONDON, Jan. 15.-The Exchange Telfug back the Germans with heavy egraph company has received a message losses and advancing one mile, from its Rome correspondent, who says The positions involved are of con- that the magnitude of the Italian disassiderable atrategie value, but con- ter increases as further news from the some distance from their original post-

PARIS WAR OFFICE

out an official communication which says

"In the Vosges to the south of Senon-

Women Live Struck

AVEZZANO, Jan. 15 .- The physicians en-

organization and established two field

nospitals. They made arrangements for

medical and surgical work day and night.

discovered a woman's hand. A physician

was summoned and said the woman was

abandoned for the physician said that

death had made futile the efforts of the

Many houses are in ruins in Saracineico

crag, which has been well known to sev-

eral generations of American artists on

account of the unusual beauty of the

town to serve as artists' models. The

ruins of the medieval castle there rolled

on Committee to

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15. - Senators

Root, Swanson and Hitchcock were

CHAPERONE AT CAPITOL.

down the face of the mountain.

Hitchcock Named

young women who have come from that

In digging among the ruins, rescuers

nothing to report.

rescuers.

Colombia.

PARIS, Jan. 15 .- A dispatch to the The casualties at Magliano di Marsi lavas Agency from Rome quotes the are estimated at 1,300 out of a population number of dead at Avezzano is larger of 1,500. At Pesoini 4,000 persons are re-

All the people of the village of Capelle are believed to be buried in the ruins of The Messegaro says that at Cappa- their homes. The entire population of docto all the houses are uninhabitable Albafucenses also is believed to have and the people are camping on the snow, perished, and out of 600 inhabitants in Twenty bodies have been recovered from the village of Lese 450 are said to be

Every town in the Livi valley is re The town of Sourcelania is now noth- perted today to have been either totally destroyed or very seriously damaged. The work of rescue at Sora is being pushed with all possible expedition. There is, however, little hope of saving any of At Magliano di Marsi 1,800 were killed, the people alive. King Victor Emmanuel is going to Sora today.

Thousands Dead at Sora.

ROME, Jan. 15.-There is reason to bebeen saved. It is impossible as yet to wounded. Relief expeditions have been hurrfed to Sora, and every hour is bringing more harrowing particulars of the destruction of the town,

The shocks were so severe at Sora that from their foundations and overturned tions. The Liri river is in flood,

#### Asserts Dry Kansas More Wicked State REPORTS ADVANCES Than Wet Nebraska 35,000

Positions in Belgium and France WASHINGTON, Jan 15.-Prohibition Taken by Storm and Others Dewas debated in the senate nearly all day without a vote being reached on Senmolished by Artillery.

which would prohibit the sale of liquor in PARIS, Jan. 15 .- (2:45 p. m.) - The the capital, rench war office this afternoon gave Senator Martine attacked the proposed "From the sea to the Lys there were liberty of the residents of the district and tunates vesterday artillery engagements, some of declared the creator must have planned them quite spirited. We made progress that man should use alcohol when he made all the most nutritious fruits and iear Lombaertzyde and near Becelaere. To the north of Arras a brilliant attack grains rich in that stimulant. He read like the other hundreds who are slowly by Zonaves resulted in the capture at the statistics which he said showed that point of the bayonet of the positions of crime, lunacy and other evils were more the enemy near the road between Arras provalent in Kansas, a state-wide prohibition commonwealth, than in Nebraska,

"In this same region, at Targette and where local option prevailed.
at St. Laurent, as well at at a point to Senator Williams said be had changed LONDON, Jan. 16.—The violent German the north of Andechy in the region of his opinion since he opposed to the advantage of the north of Soissons under the tage over that of the enemy. German show that whisky had ever bettered any:

"I love a toddy as well as did Daniel Webster or George Washington," he said, "but it never did me or anybody else any

### a quarter) northeast of Solssons the Ger-Twelve Injured in Wreck at Runnels everyone was killed.

which the batteries of the enemy were DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 15 .- Two per-"In the region of Perthes, in the Ar gonne, and on the heights of the Meuse train, No. 1, from St. Louis, were derail is said to have been the cause.

## Charge Woman Beat Little Child to Death

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 15.-Mrs. Bertha R. Hall of this city, was arrested today on complaint of neighbors that she had beaten to death Hall's 3-year-old son, Clarence. The body of the shild, who died January II, was exhumed by the oroner and found covered with bruises. An inquest has been ordered. By the Earthquake

Hall, whose business called him from the city, frequently employed Mrs. Difley o care for his home and motherless children. He was absent at the time of the child's death and burial. A doctor's certificate gave the cause of death as convulsion and cerebal hemorrhages. Neighbors appealed to the city officials, asserting that they had warned Mrs. with the exception of the extreme south Diffey to cease her cruel beatings of the

#### still alive. The rescuers worked with House Accepts Report feverish baste, but it was almost impossible to dislodge the mass of shattered On Alien Measure masonry in which the woman was imprisoned. After several hours only one arm was freed. Then the attempt was

\*WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 .- The conference report on the immigration bill, patched by train, where possible and by which includes the literacy test was accepted by the house today by a vote of 227 to 6. It already has been adopted by a village perched on the summit of a the senate and now goes to the president, who will hold public hearings.

## River Seine Rises, Overflowing Banks

PARIS, Jan. 15.-The river Seine is rising rapidly. At Troyes it is already out of its banks and passenger boat service has been temporarily suspended. At various places the tributaries are out Confer with Bryan of their banks.

#### HARRY POLSKY SHOOTS HIMSELF THROUGH HEAD

During a fit of despondency, Harry retary Bryan on amending the pending Polsky, alias Ike Polsky, of Lincoln, an treaty to pay Colombia \$25,000,000 for the ex-convict. shot himself through the partition of Panama. There is some head with a 35-calibre revolver in a room sentiment for reducing the sum and to at the Hotel London, 522 North Pifteenth strike out the clause in which the United street.

States would express "sincere regret" to Polsky for over a year had threatened at various times to end his life and for more than a month had carried a revolver wrapped in a piece of newspaper, wherever he went.

The police were summoned at once by the clerk of the establishment, who said Polsky had not been in the room more today a petition from the Woman's than five minutes when he heard the

be appointed for women employes at the An acquaintance stated that Polsky state capitol during the session of the had declared he was being haunted by legislature, a joint committee of the sen- the spirit of his dead wife, but as far, ate and house addressed a rebuke to the as the police know he is a single man. petitioners. The committee declared the The body was taken in charge by the petition was a reflection upon the law-coroner, who is trying to locate rela-

## SIXTY TOWNS IN ITALY STRICKEN BY EARTHQUAKE

Latest Estimates Place Number of Dead at Twenty-Five Thoussand and Injured at Thirty-Five Thousand.

BIGGEST DAMAGE AT AVEZZANO

Shock Felt as Far North as Swiss Frontier and Numerous Avalanches Occur in Alps.

#### KING DIRECTS RELIEF WORK

PARIS, Jan. 15 .- A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Rome quotes the Messaggero as saying that the number of dead at Avezsano is larger than has been believed. According me buildings were apparently removed to this paper 11,000 persons lie buried beneath the ruins of the city.

> ROME, Jan. 15. - Constantly sifting estimates, based on reports that continue to trickle in, now place the death toll from Wednesday's earthquake at 20,000 and the injured at a number in the excess of Hundreds, possibly thousands, of

victims still are buried alive in the wreckage of their homes, while resator Sheppard's motion to suspend the cuers from every walk of life strugrules to consider an amendment to the gle desperately to dig them out. VILLAGE OF ST. PAUL RETAKEN District of Columbia appropriation bill King Victor Emmanuel, who returned to Rome from Avezzano last night, personally superintended the legislation as in violation of the personal release of a number of such unfor-The king reached the capital in his

private car, to which were attached three coaches bearing forty wounded. These, reaching Rome, were distributed about the hospitals, regular and extroardinary. in the city.

Pope Benedict this morning offered to the mayor of Rome the use of the hospital of Santa Marta. The offer was

Two Cities Are Destroyed The principal loss of life and probably the chief property damage appears to have been in Avezzano and Sora, fifteen miles away. Both of these municipaligood, except to make them feel better for ties were destroyed and their population virtually wiped out.

Latest reports place the number of dead in Avezzano at 19,000 and in Sora at 4,000. In at least sixty other towns more than 5,000 have been killed From these towns come the majority of the injured. In Avergano and Sora almost

The situation in Aveggano is increasingly grave because of the destruction sons were killed and twelve injured when of the acqueduct system and the contwo rear cars on the northbound Wabash sequent shutting off of the water supply Communication slowly is being re-estab railed near Runnels, Ia., today. A broken lished and two hastily improvised hospitals and one refuge camp have been

set up. Americans Aid Resene Work. The rescue forces have been augmented by the staff of the United States embassy at Rome, dispatched to Avezzano in automobiles by Ambassador Thomas Nelson Page. The secretaries and attaches carried supplies of clothing and provisions for the sufferers. Reports from Switzerland show that

the quake was felt among the Alpe and caused destructive avalanches there, As in the Messina catastrophe it is believed that it will be weeks before the loss of life can be known or the propcrty loss accurately compiled. The work of recovering bodies is proceeding slowly. Reports today from the north say the shock was felt as far as the Swiss frontier, and that in the Alps in that region there were numerous avalanches, the result of the earthquake. This would make it appear that the disturbance extended throughout the entire length of Italy,

The Italian government and people have quickly responded to the call for help from the stricken people. Thousands of troops have been sent to the scene and the work of rescue and relief is going on night and day. Supplies of food, olething, blankets and medicines have been dis-(Contnued ion Page Five, Column Two.)

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